Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): There is a difference. In one case it is spread out and in the other case it is incurred all on a sudden.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Is there any financial difference?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): There is no financial difference. Expenditure will be expenditure. Further on this point Government cannot press the point either. If depreciation has to be incurred every year, then there will be a difference in the net earnings that could be divided between the company and the Government. Besides, in the South Indian Railway system itself there is no provision for any thing like a depreciation account. Only in some of the Northern Indian Railways there is depreciation provided for, and that too only recently—in 1924 or 1925. In none of the other railways had there been a depreciation fund in the beginning.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): There is a difference in the profits to be divided. That is exactly why I asked the question.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): The campany may not agree to it now.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Anyway since the continuation of the contract with the South Indian Railway company is a very doubtful question, I do not press the point further.

PADIYUR VILLAGE—ROADS—CONSTRUCTION OF

171. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that there is not even one road at present in the whole of Padiyur Village;

(*b*) the misery and inconvenience felt by the people there;

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to inform this House the population of this village and the annual revenue paid by them?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Padiyur Village has an area of 3·23 sq. miles and there is about 1½ miles of P. W. D. road in the village besides poramboke lanes opened by the Panchayat.

(*c*) The population in the village according to the last Census is 3,767. The annual revenue paid by the people is approximately Rs. 4,300.

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Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): May I know, Sir, which is the one and a half miles of road meant by the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): The portion of the road which we call the Aripalam road.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): May I know how many miles away from the road is the Padiyur village situated?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): I want notice.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Have the inhabitants of Padiyur village brought to the notice of the Government the inadequacy of road communication there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): I want notice. The question is how many miles of road are there in the Padiyur village. For that the answer is correct. There are one and a half miles of road in the village.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government at least now understand that there are actually no roads catering to the needs of the village?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Cheif Engineer*): There are people living adjacent to the road in the village.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government enquire into the matter and do the needful?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

DESAMANGALAM IRRIGATION SCHEME.

172. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government had not prepared a scheme for the supply of water for agricultural purposes in the villages of Desamangalam and Pallur by pumping water from Bharatha Puzha especially in summer season;

(*b*) in which year the scheme was prepared;

(*c*) has the Government realised the fact that this will be a great relief to the peasants especially in the matter of their Punja cultivation;

(*d*) has the Government noted the fact that in a good area of these villages double crops cultivation can be carried on by the introduction of this scheme;

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